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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51, 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, Applicants identify the art set forth on PTO Form 1449 as references in connection with this case.

- C.J. Tweedie, U.S. Patent 2,583,243, discloses a chain saw which employs removable teeth which are wedged into the slot of a head of a saw chain link.
- J.B. Cox, U.S. Patent 2,852,048, discloses a saw chain with removable cutter teeth having a T-shaped recess which engages a T-shaped element on a cutting link body.

Raetz, U.S. Patent 3,547,167, discloses a removable cutting sleeve which has an opening that receives a stud of the cutting link body.

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None of the references cited herein teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Applicant or his patent attorney may have been exposed to or considered art relating to the general class of the subject invention. However, if in fact such exposure or consideration has occurred, to the best of their recollection and judgment, none of such art is prior art which is believed to be material to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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